

Winter 2003



Commencement

Missouri Southern State University

Forty-first Commencement

10 o'clock • Saturday • December 20, 2003
Leggett & Platt Athletic Center

Processional "Pomp and Circumstance"

Elgar

Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble

Invocation

Deborah Pulliam

Head, Teacher Education, Missouri Southern State University

Welcome and Introductions

Julio S. León

President, Missouri Southern State University

Address

Ron Richard

Missouri State Representative

Presentation of Class

Betsy Q. Griffin

Interim Vice-President for Academic Affairs, Missouri Southern State University

Conferring of Degrees

Julio S. León

Presentation of Diplomas

Betsy Q. Griffin

Congratulatory Remarks

Mark Comstock

President, Faculty Senate, Missouri Southern State University

Announcement of Academic Honors

Betsy Q. Griffin

Benediction

Deborah Pulliam

Recessional "Sine Nomine"

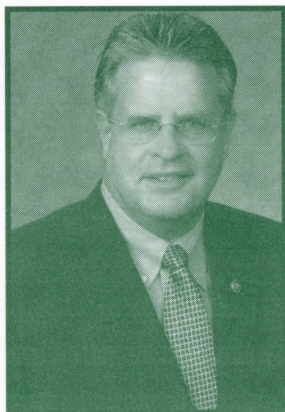
R. V. Williams & E. Rosenberg

Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble

Sign Language Interpreter

Mary Zustiak

Please remain seated until recessional is completed.



About the Speaker

Representative Ron Richard, represents part of Jasper and Newton counties (District 129) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to the House in November 2002. In addition to his legislative duties, Representative Richard is a partner in A&R Development, C&R Development Corporation, and has full duties with C&N Bowl Corporation. He is the former mayor of Joplin, serving from 1994-1997. He also served on the Joplin City Council from 1990-1994.

Representative Richard is a member of the Joplin Chamber of Commerce; Missouri Chamber of Commerce; NFIB, Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Joplin, and, Knights of Columbus. He currently serves on the board of directors of the Missouri Southern State University Foundation and is chairman of the board of directors of the Joplin Redevelopment Corporation, Inc.

He is a former member of the Professional Bowlers Association. Representative Richard also served on the Joplin Public School R-8 Foundation, and has served as a board member of the Joplin Building and Industrial Development Corporation.

Additionally, he has served as a founding member and chairman of the Harry S. Truman Coordinating Council of Government. Representative Richard was active in raising funds to send the Joplin High School band to the Cotton Bowl and Rose Bowl. He has also served as Chairman of the Dennis Weaver All-Star Roundup event, to benefit the Ecolonomics scholarship program at Missouri Southern.

Representative Richard is chairman of the Joplin 353 Downtown Development Corporation, serves on the Joplin Industrial and Development Authority, is a member of the Missouri Higher Education Savings Program Board, and is chairman for the Missouri House Jobs Creation and Economic Development Interim Committee for 2003.

A 1965 graduate of McAuley High School, Representative Richard received a bachelor of arts from Missouri Southern in 1969 and a master of arts from Southwest Missouri State University in 1971. Representative Richard lives in Joplin with his wife, Patty. They have two children, Kara and Chad. Kara attended MSSU and graduated from the University of Missouri and the Arizona School of Health Sciences with a doctor of physical therapy. Kara is now employed at UCLA and USC in Cooperative research programs. Chad attended MSSU, graduating with a degree in architecture from the University of Arkansas.

Candidates for Honors & Degrees

Baccalaureate Degrees

Summa Cum Laude

Grade Point Average 3.90 or above

Brown, Kimberly A.
Budding, Rebecca Lynn #
Dalrymple, Stephanie Kay #

Dilts, Marjorie Elaine
Harter, Stacy Lynn #†
Henderson, John Thomas #

Heppner, Angela Ruscell
Larson, Christie Michelle #
Reed, Kelli Nichole

Seifert, K. Diane #
Stahl, Martin David
Vann, Jamie Lea

Magna Cum Laude

Grade Point Average 3.80 - 3.899

Anderson, Shawna Gayle
Avondet, Dustin August
Butler, Angelique Elizabeth
Carr, Amber Moennig

Corn, Philip Eugene
Duke, Cathy Louise
James, Nadine C.
Jones, Amie Christine

Jones, Jerry
Keeler, Connie Lea
Knight, John Leroy
Smith, Jennifer M'lee†

Tipton, John F
Weist, Jo-Anne

Cum Laude

Grade Point Average 3.70 - 3.799

Alcorn, Kimberlee Shyanne
Augsburger, Amy Marie
Barnes, Carol Elizabeth
Buntin, Sarah Ann

Eiken, Jeramy Edgar
Ellison, Sarah Elizabeth
Frankey, Kathryn Jene
Gowin, Lana Blubaugh

Hutton, Natalie Elizabeth
Lewis, Alicia Ann
Long, Jr., Timothy Eugene
McLemore, Robyn Lynne

Patton, Erin Deane
Rinehart, Richard Martin
Spencer, Kevin W.
Williams Jr., Robert Hugh

Associate Degrees

First Honors

Grade Point Average 3.90 or above

Witt, Rondle Lyn#

Second Honors

Grade Point Average 3.80 - 3.89

Rasool, Humna Sadiga

Third Honors

Grade Point Average 3.80 - 3.89

Ruch, Brenda K.

Whitehead, Andrew Daniel

School of Arts and Sciences

Bachelor of Arts

Babbitt, Leigh Griffith

History/Political Science
Kimberling City

Bennett, Chastady J.

English
Mt. Vernon

Busse, Codi Jo Lorraine

Political Science
Carl Junction

Coleman, Matthew Wayne

Art
Webb City

Cowden, Maria Dawn

English
Neosho

Dilts, Marjorie Elaine

Spanish
Joplin

Dominguez, Mauricio

Communications
Carthage

Dudley, Danielle N.

Spanish
Monticello

Fethers, Drew Quinn

Theatre
Joplin

Fulton, Abbey Renee

Chemistry
Joplin

Gonzalez, Sara

Sociology
Joplin

Griffin, Donna J.

History
Joplin

Griffin, Timothy Joel

Music
Webb City

Heisten, Jacob Ryan

Political Science
Carthage

Hibner, Stephen Snidow

Communications
Joplin

Hicks, Sandy D.

Political Science
Blue Springs

Horton, Nathan Andrew

English
Joplin

Huntley, Brian Patrick

Art
Joplin

Isbell, Rachel Lynn

Communications
Cuba

Jones, Jerry

English
Joplin

Judah, Jay Michael

Art
Joplin

Kemp, Luke Andrew

Spanish
Joplin

Lawrence, Carrisa L.

Theatre
St. Louis

Leffert, Donald H.

Theatre
Joplin

Lukunka, Sharon Chisenga

Communications
Joplin
Zambia

Martinous, Moses Robert

English
Joplin

McCleary, Mariko

Sociology
Neosho

McPheron, Patrick W.

Art
Joplin

McWilliams, Sheila M.

Communications
Carthage

Mothershed, Kokain Michael

Communications
Oklahoma City, OK

Patton, Erin Deane

History
Joplin

Ray, Joshua A.

Communications
Aurora

Robertson, Jr., Anthony Keith

Communications
Joplin

Rupp, Neal Randy

Art
Joplin

Rychcik, Philip Daniel

Communications
Joplin

Spencer, Kevin W.

Sociology
Joplin

Stanley, April Michelle

International Studies
Joplin

Vann, Jamie Lea

International Studies
Fair Play

Wade, Melissa Ann

English
Miami, OK

Ward, Amber Dawn

Communications
Joplin

Wattman, Kirk Nicholas

Political Science
Joplin

White, Brandon Cody

English
Webb City

Wigmore, Margo Noel

English
Joplin

Zeka, Laura Leslie

Sociology
Joplin

Bachelor of Science

Bledsoe, Kirsten Amber

Sociology
Carl Junction

Burkhart-Henson, Casey Jo

Biology
Neosho

Cornog, Miranda Dawn

Sociology
Miami, OK

Finley, Sarah Marcella

Biology
Carthage

Griest, Jennifer Renee

Biology
Nixa

Marti, Jennifer Nichole

Biology
Joplin

McGuffey, Terri C. J.

Sociology
Neosho

O'Connell, Christopher Sean

Biology
Mt. Vernon

Palmer, Lisa Dawn †

Biology
Joplin

Peterson, Kenneth R.

Sociology
Bentonville, AR

Schwab, Brett Alen

Biology
Joplin

Smalley, Krissy Rachel

Sociology
Monett

Spicer, Brandee Michelle

Biology
Joplin

Taylor, Sharla Jo

Sociology
Lockwood

White, Lindsay Dawn

Sociology
Oronogo

School of Business Administration

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Alvarado, Jose Luis

Management
Neosho

Anderson, Genea Michelle

Accounting
Webb City

Baker, Jeremiah T.

Marketing
Carthage

Barnett, Nickolas Allen

Marketing
Joplin

Bennett, Bethany Lyn

Accounting
Verona

Blanken, Julie A.

Accounting
Pittsburg, KS

Boateng, Ama Bennin

Finance and Economics/Management
Joplin
Ghana

Boman, Misty Dawn

Accounting
Joplin

Boudreau, Robert Frank

Management
Joplin

Boyd, Nicole Elaine

General Business
Joplin

Brady, Carolina

International Business
Joplin

Bridgman, Micheal Ray

Economics and Finance
Joplin

Brooks, Tara Lynn

Management
Webb City

Brown, Kimberly A.

Accounting
Joplin

Buntin, Jason R.

Marketing
Joplin

Burks, Adena Kay

Management
Joplin

Carpenter, Trisha Ann

Management
Joplin

Carr, Amber Anne

Finance and Economics/Marketing
Wentworth

Churchwell, Clayton A.

Accounting
Oronogo

Clevenger, Lane Avery

Economics and Finance
Joplin

Combs, Joshua Alan

General Business/Management
West Fork, AR

Corn, Philip Eugene

General Business
Seligman

Dammalapati, Pavani

Accounting
Joplin
India

Deardorff, Jennifer Leigh

Marketing
Webb City

Decker, Ashley Dyan

Management/General Business
Butler

Denham, Joshua Dean

Management
Joplin

Doak, Joshua Mark

Management
Joplin

Duncan, Heather Renee

Finance and Economics
Lamar

Frye, Jennifer Spring

Accounting
Carthage

Gilgen, Rist Alan

Management
Southwest City

Glavin, Lesley-Ann Nicole

Marketing
Goodman

Gowin, Lana Blubaugh

General Business
Nevada

Gravett, Andrea Lynn

Accounting
Vinita, OK

Griffith, Denise Ann

Marketing/General Business
Joplin

Hedger, Amanda Brooke

General Business
Webb City

Heppner, Angela Russell

Accounting/Finance and Economics
Joplin

Houston, Tam'ra Raelee

Accounting
Joplin

Hunt, Dustin Michael

International Business
Joplin

Hurl, Paula C.

General Business
Joplin

James, Nadine C.

General Business
Joplin

Johnston, Daniel James

Management/General Business
Jasper

Kennedy, Holly Leann

Marketing
Joplin

Knight, John Leroy

Accounting
Carthage

Lawrence, Andrew J.

Marketing
Duenweg

Littlejohn, Tara Rae

Accounting
Lamar

Mason, Lindsey Taylor †

International Business
Edmond, OK

Matthews, Leisa Geralyne

Marketing
Carthage

McCoy, Amy Beth

Marketing
Joplin

Millsap, Aaron Michael

Economics and Finance
Joplin

Mitchell, Jennifer J.

Accounting
Neosho

Mobley, Bianca Alecia

Management
Monett

Moser, Joy Lynn

General Business
Joplin

**Moussikhine, Dmitri
Anatolievich**

Management/International Business
Duenweg
Russia

Munn, Shane

General Business
Joplin

Myers, Aaron Ross

Accounting
Joplin

Ogle, Beth Renee

General Business
Carthage

Parril, I Gabriel L.

Management
Webb City

Plyler, Christopher J.

Management
Carthage

Pryor-Smith, Amy Elisabeth

Accounting
Joplin

Riggs, Jennifer Lynn

Management
Newtonia

Roth, Blake E.

Marketing/Management
Webb City

Roush, Matthew H.

International Business
Joplin

Sainsbury, Travis

Accounting
Rogers, AR

Sanders, Timothy James

Management
Joplin

Scheirer, Zachary James

General Business
Peoria, IL

Seifert, K. Diane #

Accounting
Joplin

Sharrock, Lance Christopher

Accounting
Joplin

Smith, Sally Ann

Accounting
Joplin

Smith, Tara Elaine

Marketing/Management
Webb City

Stahl, Becky Bayne

General Business
Lamar

Starchman, Tiffany Renee

Management
Wyandotte, OK

Stephenson, Carrie Renee

Accounting
Mt. Vernon

Stout III, Henry O.

Marketing
Webb City

Swarnes, Joseph Tyler

Management
Webb City

Talbert, Daniel Dean

Marketing
Joplin

Tandy, Carmen Marie

Accounting
Joplin

Tipton, John F.

General Business
Joplin

Torres, Brenda

Accounting
Siloam Springs, AR

Ward, Aaron Joseph

Management
Marshfield

Weist, Jo-Anne

Accounting
Sarcoxis

Wheeler, Rachel Ann

Marketing
Grove, OK

White, Jason Kyle

General Business
Carthage

Williams, Chris Allen

Economics and Finance
Joplin

Williams, Jr., Robert Hugh

Management
Mt. Vernon

Willis, Mercedes Louise

Accounting
Webb City

Winters, Jeffrey Steven

General Business
Overland Park, KS

School of Education

Bachelor of Science

**Butler, Angelique Elizabeth-
Ellen**

Psychology
Mt. Vernon

Davis, Andrea S.

Psychology
Carthage

DeWeese, Jillian Marie

Psychology
Seneca

Gray, Kari L.

Psychology
Rockford, IL

Holland, Lauren Renee Myers

Health Promotion and Wellness
Monett

Jones, Stephanie Kay

Psychology
Neosho

Larson, Christie Michelle

Psychology
Anderson

McClellan, Shelly Dawn

Psychology
Jasper

Poore, Cary Janessa

Health Promotion and Wellness
El Dorado Springs

Ramirez, Anna Marie

Psychology
Newtonia

Rice, Jeffrey David

Psychology
Miami, OK

Tyner, Robin Elizabeth

Psychology
Miami, OK

Bachelor of Science in Education

Alverson, Teresa LaDonn

Elementary Education
Neosho

Anderson, Shawna Gayle

Elementary Education
Neosho

Augsburger, Amy Marie

Elementary Education
Neosho

Barnes, Carol Elizabeth

Elementary Education
Neosho

Binning, ReeAna Marie

Middle School Education
Joplin

Branham, Elaine Marie

Elementary Education
Granby

Brown, Stephanie Lea

Elementary Education
Monett

Budding, Rebecca Lynn #

Elementary Education
Joplin

Buntin, Sarah Ann

Elementary Education
Cassville

Clanton, Heidi Jo

Elementary Education
Neosho

Dalrymple, Stephanie Kay #

Elementary Education
Cartersville

Eiken, Jeramy Edgar

Mathematics Education
Carthage

Ellison, Sarah Elizabeth

English Education
Liberal

Ferguson, Joseph Richard

Elementary Education
Carthage

Frankey, Kathryn Jene

Elementary Education
Neosho

Garner, Lindsi Renae

Elementary Education
Joplin

Gharbi, Myriam

French Education
Joplin
France

Glover, Tabitha Lynn

Elementary Education
Monett

Grant, Tonya Michelle

English Education
Joplin

Greer, Kimberley Dawn

Social Science Education
Nevada

Hansen, Jeffrey Stephen

Physical Education
Wichita, KS

Harrell, Tonya S.

Elementary Education
Goodman

Harter, Stacy Lynn †#

Theatre/Speech Communications
Education
Joplin

Harvey, Michelle Marie

Elementary Education
Jenkins

Henderson, John Thomas #

Elementary Education
Seneca

Holmstrom, Magnus Anders

Physical Education
Joplin
Finland

Hutton, Natalie Elizabeth

Elementary Education
Carl Junction

Jones, Amie Christine

Elementary Education
Seneca

Keeler, Connie Lea

Music Education
Joplin

Koch, Corine Carol

Elementary Education
Carl Junction

Lewis, Alicia Ann
Elementary Education
Aurora

Littleford, James A.
Physical Education
Coffeyville, KS

Luther, Ken M.
Social Science Education
Joplin

Malone, Jonita Beth
Elementary Education
Seneca

Marrufo, Tabbitha Nichole
Elementary Education
Joplin

Mays, Andrea Dawn
Elementary Education
El Dorado Springs

McFarland, James Bryce
Business Education
Girard, KS

McLemore, Robyn Lynne
Elementary Education
Carthage

Meirick, Zane Edward
Middle School Education
Joplin

Muter, Amanda Lechelle
Elementary Education
Pittsburg, KS

Myers, Kerri Lynn
Elementary Education
Nevada

Pennington, Samantha Lee
Elementary Education
Joplin

Perkins, Trisha R.
English Education
Diamond

Reed, Kelli Nichole
Elementary Education
Joplin

Rinehart, Richard Martin
Business Education
Diamond

Schene, Heather Christine
Elementary Education
Florissant

Schoonover, Jared Morgan
Social Science Education
Bentonville, AR

Sheets, Lisa Diane
Elementary Education
Golden City

Shipp, David R.
English Education
Nevada

Sill, Jeff
Physical Education
Carl Junction

Smith, Jennifer M'lee †
Music Education
Joplin

Stevens, Brendin Janel
Elementary Education
Carthage

Stites, Lianne Noelle
Elementary Education
Wakeeney, KS

Streck, Holly Marie
Elementary Education
Nixa

Weston, Kami Nicole
Physical Education
Baxter Springs, KS

White, D. Michael
Middle School Education
Joplin

Williamson, Kasey Lynn
Social Science Education
Joplin

Woodruff, Taylene Ruth
English Education
Southwest City

Wydick, Andrea Renae
Elementary Education
Nevada

Younts, Amanda Lynnette
Elementary Education
Mt. Vernon

School of Technology

Bachelor of Science

Alcorn, Kimberlee Shyanne
Criminal Justice Administration
Granby

Avondet, Dustin August
Computer Information Science
Nixa

Beeler, Robert Douglas
Medical Technology
Joplin

Blackwell, Janey Kay
Criminal Justice Administration
Nevada

Bracken, Adam Shane
Criminal Justice Administration
Webb City

Braeckel III, Robert J.
Management Technology (MIMS)
Grandview

Brattin, Kana M.
Computer Information Science
Pierce City

Brown, Kimberly A.
Computer Information Science
Joplin

Butler, Brandon Lee
Criminal Justice Administration
Mt. Vernon

Cammilletti, Beth Anne
Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Clark, Heather Dawn
Criminal Justice Administration
Nevada

Cupp, Melinda M.
Criminal Justice Administration
Springfield

Duke, Cathy Louise
Criminal Justice Administration
Afton, OK

Eggerman, Devon Lance
Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Estridge, Sergio O.
Computer Information Science
Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Ford, Ashli Rachelle
Criminal Justice Administration
Webb City

Haddock, Tamara L.
Computer Information Science
Anderson

Hanes, Joshua Steven
Criminal Justice Administration
Webb City

Highley, Joshua Alan
Criminal Justice Administration
Nevada

Hollingshead, Jr., Donald A.
Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Hubbard, John Marc
Criminal Justice Administration
Siloam Springs, AR

Hutchison, Kenneth Walter
Computer Information Science
Walker

Kreutzer, Russell Alan
Management Technology (MIMS)
Carthage

Lankford, Jason D.
Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Long, Jr., Timothy Eugene
Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

McIntosh, Darren Edward
Criminal Justice Administration
Columbia

Miller, Joseph Edward
Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Nguyen, Myphuong Thi
Computer Information Science
Joplin
Vietnam

Nguyen, Thaihuy Vo
Computer Information Science
Joplin
Vietnam

Nunley, Jacob A.
Computer Information Science
Goodman

Plumb, Isaac Alan
Criminal Justice Administration
Reeds

Reeve, Daniel J.
Computer Information Science
Joplin

Saylor, Scott L.
Criminal Justice Administration
Fair Grove

See, Kimberly D.
Criminal Justice Administration
Nevada

Smitherman, Tamarick Trayon
Criminal Justice Administration
Lubbock, TX

Stahl, Martin David
Computer Information Science
Joplin

Trotnic, Jeffrey Scott
Criminal Justice Administration
Duenweg

Wade, Cora Rebecca
Criminal Justice Administration
Marionville

Wade-Macios, Rheana Louise
Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Wilkowski, Nicholas Alexander
Computer Information Science
Joplin

Williams, Sara Jane
Criminal Justice Administration
Marionville

Wilson, Michael Christopher
Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Bachelor of General Studies

Anderson, Shelby R.
General Studies
Columbus, KS

Aronhalt, Teresa Lynn
General Studies
Joplin

Atnip, Amanda Rochelle
General Studies
Jasper

Brady, Dawn Michelle
General Studies
Cartersville

Burns, Michelle Allene
General Studies
Carthage

Butler, Jennifer Susanne
General Studies
Nevada

Castor, Gayle O'Neal
General Studies
Webb City

Connell, Susan Hughes
General Studies
Carthage

DeLaney, Jr., Larry David
General Studies
Joplin

Jackson, Toni A.
General Studies
Joplin

Kerley, Twyla
General Studies
Cardin, OK

Kirkman, Dacy Rene
General Studies
Licking

Kos, Freda F.
General Studies
Rich Hill

Kralicek, Holly Ann
General Studies
Sarcoxie

Maldonado, Janice Dee
General Studies
Joplin

Nelson, Christopher Michael
General Studies
Neosho

Orton, Allison Leann
General Studies
Joplin

Parker, Dustin King
General Studies
Baxter Springs, KS

Strait, Wendy Rae
General Studies
Carthage

**Veytovich, Charlotte M.
Stephens**
General Studies
Bowdon, GA

Associate of Arts

Ackerson, Rhonda Lynn

General Studies
Joplin

Hancock, Suzanne Nichole

General Studies
Milo

Lineberry, Monica J.

General Studies
Lee's Summit

Wilkins, Jennifer Lynn

General Studies
Carterville

Bard, Karen Kristine

General Studies
Joplin

Jansen, Belinda Sue

General Studies
Diamond

Rhoades, Christine Lynn

General Studies
Sheldon

Witt, Rondle Lyn

General Studies
Stockton

Associate of Science

Aronhalt, Teresa Lynn

Computer Aided Drafting and Design
Joplin

Cammilletti, Beth Anne

Law Enforcement
Joplin

Highley, Joshua Alan

Law Enforcement
Nevada

Lankford, Jason D.

Law Enforcement
Joplin

Atwood, Traci E.

Respiratory Therapy
Oswego, KS

Caudill, Phyllis Fay

Respiratory Therapy
Aurora

Hollingshead, Jr., Donald A.

Law Enforcement
Joplin

LaPlant, Kristal Anne

Respiratory Therapy
Mulvane, KS

Avondet, Dustin August

Computer Information Science
Nixa

Daugherty, Darlene Mary

Respiratory Therapy
Neosho

Huntley, Brian Patrick

Computer Aided Drafting and Design
Joplin

Like, Jr., James Wallace

General Business
Joplin

Belk, Vanskike Margret Jane

General Business
Diamond

Erwin, Derrick A.

Computer Aided Graphic Design
Verona

Jones, Dawn E.

General Business
Wentworth

Lively, Kami Lynae

Respiratory Therapy
Joplin

Bitzer, Robin Jeane

Respiratory Therapy
Joplin

Ford, Ashli Rachelle

Law Enforcement
Webb City

Jones, Jeremiah William

Respiratory Therapy
Carthage

Logan, Candy Marie

Respiratory Therapy
Joplin

Brand, Cindy Marie

Respiratory Therapy
Neosho

Garcia, Sara Christine

Respiratory Therapy
Webb City

Killmer, Mary Elizabeth

Respiratory Therapy
Pittsburg, KS

Long, Jr., Timothy Eugene

Law Enforcement
Joplin

Butler, Brandon Lee

Law Enforcement
Mt. Vernon

George, Brian C.

Computer Information Science
Joplin

Koenig, Gary J.

Law Enforcement
Pierce City

Miller, Joseph Edward

Law Enforcement
Joplin

Butler, Patty Nonene

Law Enforcement
Joplin

Glover, Mindi Ann

Respiratory Therapy
Carl Junction

Kreutzer, Russell Alan

Computer Aided Drafting and Design
Carthage

Nguyen, Lee Vu

Computer Assisted Manufacturing Technology
Joplin

Byrd, Brian A.

Respiratory Therapy
Carthage

Hanes, Joshua Steven

Law Enforcement
Webb City

Lamb, Kimberly S.

Respiratory Therapy
Carl Junction

Nguyen, Myphuong Thi

Computer Information Science
Joplin
Vietnam

Nguyen, Thaihuy Vo
Computer Information Science
Joplin
Vietnam

Patterson, Keith Andrew
Computer Information Science
Joplin

Payne, Jennifer Nicola
General Business
Sparta

Pearce, Mark C.
Law Enforcement
Joplin

Pigg, Stephanie Jean
Respiratory Therapy
Grove, OK

Rasool, Humna Sadiga
Respiratory Therapy
Webb City

Redden, Tim D.
Respiratory Therapy
Carl Junction

Robertson, Brandy Renee
Respiratory Therapy
Lamar

Ruch, Brenda K.
Respiratory Therapy
Joplin

Saylor, Scott L.
Law Enforcement
Fair Grove

Smitherman, Tamarick Trayon
Law Enforcement
Lubbock, TX

Stearnes, Jennifer Sue
Respiratory Therapy
Joplin

Stoebel, Jeremy Anton
Accounting
Joplin

Sweeney, Denny Joe
Respiratory Therapy
Joplin

Wade-Macios, Rheana Louise
Law Enforcement
Joplin

Wentworth, Ann Marie
Respiratory Therapy
Webb City

Whitehead, Andrew Daniel
Accounting
Diamond

Wilkowski, Nicholas Alexander
Computer Information Science
Joplin

Willett, Marsha Diane
Respiratory Therapy
Joplin

Academic Attire

As early as the twelfth century the first modern universities, at Bologna and Paris, were centers of European learning. The usual garb of the time, for both churchmen and laymen, was a long gown which was necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings of the day. Scholars, generally members of church orders, wore such robes and also hoods to protect their shaven heads. Later, skull caps were worn on the head, and the hood became a cape which could be pulled over the head in unpleasant weather. The hood was also sometimes used to collect alms from the more affluent members of the community. As additional universities were founded, distinctive forms of the gown and hood were adopted by their faculties. Variations indicated ranks within the institutions. Strict rules were published and in some cases punishment cited for tailors who departed from the authorized design.

The academic hat was a later development, adapted from the headdress of the ordinary people. Academically, it was originally worn as a symbol of the master's degree, and existed in various forms. Some were round, some square and some had a tuft in the center. The flat, square "mortar board" of today originated at Oxford University in England.

Academic costume came to America in 1754 with the founding of King's College, now Columbia University. Styles became quite varied as they were in Europe, but in 1895 a group of American college and university representatives met to establish a uniform system of academic apparel for this country. This led to the establishment in 1902 of an "Intercollegiate Code of Academic Costume." The American Council of Education formed a committee in 1932 to review the 1895 code, which was again reviewed and revised in both 1960 and 1965.

There are today three basic types of gowns and hoods. The bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves and is designed to be worn closed. Recipients of the associate degrees wear gray gowns designed like the bachelor's gown. The master's gown is designed with an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist and with an arc cut away at the front of the sleeve. It may be worn either open or closed. The doctoral gown is of a full design with voluminous sleeves, and it also may be worn open or closed. Unlike the other two, the doctoral gown is faced down the front with velvet and with three velvet bars on the sleeves. These may be black or a color related to the subject of the degree. Thus, arts, letters and humanities may be white, business degrees may be drab or sapphire blue, education uses light blue, fine arts is brown, music is pink and science is golden yellow, to name a few.

The caps are always black, with a black tassel for baccalaureate degrees and a tassel of the color indicated above for master's. Doctoral caps usually have a tassel of metallic gold color.

The hoods worn by master's degree recipients are lined with the official colors of the institution awarding the degree. The binding and edging of the hood is silk or velvet in the color pertaining to the subject area. Doctoral hoods are longer and designed somewhat fuller, but the colors again are those of the institution granting the degree for the lining, and of the subject for the wide edging. There exists a small bachelor's hood, but generally it is not used in this country.

Our Mission

*M*issouri Southern State University is a state-supported, comprehensive university offering programs leading to the bachelor's degree and selected master's degrees. Faithful to its original statutory charter, the University also offers continuing education courses and a number of two-year programs in technical and vocational areas for the benefit of the community.

The University's primary emphasis is the offering of a baccalaureate program that fosters the total education of each student. Central to that mission is a strong commitment to international education, to the liberal arts, to professional and preprofessional programs, and to the complementary relationship that must exist between liberal and professional education in order to prepare individuals for success in careers and lifelong learning.

Inherent in its international approach to undergraduate education is the University's desire to prepare its students to understand world affairs, international issues and other cultures as seen through their history, geography, language, literature, philosophy, economics and politics. Knowledge and understanding of other cultures of the world also promote better understanding of our own valuable cultural diversity.

Missouri Southern's commitment to the liberal arts is reflected in a comprehensive program of general education requirements for all students to ensure that they have a breadth of educational experiences which will enable them to develop communication and critical thinking skills and to acquire and apply aesthetic, contemporary, civic, international, historical, mathematical, scientific and value-oriented perspective.

The faculty and staff of Missouri Southern State University emphasize quality teaching and learning as the most important attributes of the University, complemented by scholarly and creative expression and dedicated community service. Community service involves responsiveness to the Southwest Missouri region as well as serving as the intellectual, creative and cultural center of the area.

In order to remain loyal to the trust given to the University by the people of the State of Missouri, Missouri Southern State University will:

- fulfill its mission and objectives in an honorable and ethical manner;
- periodically review its mission in light of contemporary changes in society and in the needs of the people of Missouri,
- continually assess the effectiveness of its programs in order to ensure their quality and integrity.

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